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File # 7915; Doc. # 1

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Subject: Contact report covering meeting with SVEICS Erasts

1. Meeting arrangements:

Name: Erasts SVEICS

Date: 31 March, 1957

Time: 1520 - 1700

Duration: 1 hour 40 minutes

Place: Subject's apartment at 964 E 15th St., Apt. 6 D, Brooklyn, N.Y.

This meeting was pre-arranged by C.O.'s phone call on 31 March '57, at 1400. E.S. was answering and C.O. told him his true name and explained in short the matter he was concerned about, i.e. that the nephew of E.S. had recently written to C.O. from Riga and had suggested that C.O. should send a letter to C.O.'s father through this nephew, SVEICS Vidvuds (C.O. changed the facts a little in order to make it look like a pure private matter). Further C.O. told E.S. that he has some doubts as to this advice since he has received news concerning a/m nephew which put the latter in a questionable light. To this E.S. replied that he, too, recently has received a letter from Vidvuds S. from Riga, sent directly to the name of E.S. though to the address of the Latvian Lutheran Parish in New York, N.Y.; this letter was written signed by an assumed name though written by V.S. Since C.O. mentioned that he is a former classmate of V.S. (possibly E.S. recalled C.O.'s name though he did not say so) E.S. invited C.O. to come over to E.S.'s home in Brooklyn to talk more about this matter. C.O. agreed and E.S. explained in detail how to reach E.S.' residence by subway from the Grand Central station.

C.O. arrived there by subway at 1520. Present during the following discussion was also the wife of E.S. Both were very friendly and served coffee with cookies and a couple drinks of cordial. It seemed that they enjoyed much the visit of C.O. and wanted him to stay longer. This was not possible because C.O. had some other appointment at 1800 in the upper Manhattan.

Incidentally, the resemblance of E.S. and V.S. was striking - C.O. had the feeling that he is encountering Vidvuds S. again, only some ten years older as the last time he saw him: the same shape of face, the same eyes, mouth and even the teeth, and the particular smile.

2. Production:

Verbal statement concerning SVEICS Vidvuds, the latter's family and news about him received recently by letters from Sweden and Latvia; see Appendix # 1.

3. Operational matters:

E.S. promised to let C.O. know in case another letter from Vidvuds S. arrives. In this connection C.O. gave his home address to E.S. C.O. told E.S. also to be very careful in correspondence with V.S. until it becomes more clear what is the true situation and attitude of V.S. C.O. also told E.S. that just now he is awaiting a letter from one of his former co-worker at the national partisan movement (JANSONS Ragnija - see card 122; C.O. did not mention her name) who already had given C.O. a hint that something is wrong with V.S. E.S. agreed that it is a strong evidence against V.S. and that the next letter should be awaited with great interest. E.S. showed good comprehension of this case and both he and his wife are going to keep it in confidence.

4. Personal matters: nothing to report.

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5. Administrative matters:

For travel expenses see Accounting # 28.

6. Close of meeting:

Meeting was closed at 1700 though both E.S. and his wife expected C.O. to stay longer - it was obvious that they liked C.O.'s visit very much. No arrangements were made for another meeting - in fact, the whole discussion went on in general as a purely personal matter about a casual happening. C.O. invited E.S. and the latter's wife to visit him in Washington, D.C., if they have the opportunity to go there. Mr. & Mrs. E.S., on their part, sent cordial greetings to Mr. KADILIS Janis and Mr. ROZE Julijs in Wash., D.C. - C.O. had stated before that he knows both.

On his way back to subway station (Station J on the Brighton Beach line, BMT) no surveillance observed.

7. C.O.'s comment:

a. General impression

Very favorable. E.S. was fully co-operative, showed no prejudice ~~xxxxxx~~ as to C.O. visit concerning E.S.'s nephew. Was pertinent and objective in his statements.

b. Subject as personality:

Warm and rich personality who seems to be well-balanced and honest - a man who stands up for his principles and is no opportunist. Still a good Latvian patriot who has happy memories about his past as a creative artist in free Latvia. Rather critical toward persons who are too much concerned about money (in this connection he, f.i. criticized another Latvian artist-painter, LIBERTS Ludolfs - see card 7843).

c. Operational assesment:

Might be useful as future source regarding Vidvuds SVEICS. Possibly also qualified to furnish info about other Latvian artists-painters who now are active in Soviet Latvia.

d. C.O.'s security:

Good. E.S. and his wife got the impression that C.O. visited them only in a personal matter which concerns the security of C.O.'s father. Both E.S. and his wife showed no curiosity as to C.O.'s place of work and his background - asked no unnecessary questions, were very tactful and understanding.

e. Personal relationship:

Good - could not be better for the first time and in such sensitive matter. It was clear that mutual sympathies were established.
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f. C.O.'s critique: nothing to report.

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Appendix # 1

Subject: News concerning SVEIGS Vidvuds and the latter's family

E.S. stated that recently he has received two letters containing info about his nephew and god-son, SVEIGS Vidvuds. The first letter was written by TEPPERS Verners (see card 3785) from Stockholm, Sweden, on 6 Dec. '56. E.S. read some excerpts from it regarding V.S.; it was obvious from the text of this letter that E.S. and V. TEPPERS are old acquaintances who, however, have not seen each other for a long time.

In his letter V. TEPPERS does not state how he received the following news about V.S. - he gives only these facts:

Vidvuds is alive and is well-off - is working as the chief engineer (galvenais inženiers - in Latv.) at the "Degviela", and is living on Meierovica (now Padomju) Boulevard above the Cafe "Luna". The brother of Vidvuds got married last year and is working as a construction technician. (there were some more facts in this letter but C.O. did not have the opportunity to read it himself and he thought to be unwise to ask for it; in any case these additional facts were of no importance - in fact all written in this letter by V. TEPPERS was already known by C.O.)

The letter, written by SVEIGS Vidvuds, is mailed on 20 Dec. '56. The handwriting and style is undoubtedly that of V.S. though he has signed this letter as S. JANSONS (this assumed name appears on the envelope) and the return address is as follows:

S. JANSONS
455P
Leninga iela 164
Riga

VIDVUDS SVEIGS
KGB

This letter is sent to E.S. (latter's true name) but not to his home address but to the Latvian Lutheran Parish in New York (which has forwarded it to E.S., i.e. to its pastor ZARINS Richards). It states: father of V.S. (brother of E.S.) deceased in January, 1942; grandmother of V.S. - in 1943 (apparently SVEIGS Matilde, born in 1865 - see "These Names Accuse"); in 1943 deceased the mother of V.S., too. (the letter mentions the ~~death~~ of the death of the latter two but C.O. does not recall these). Lilija (JEKABSONS, the step-sister of V.S.) is now working at some bookbindery in Riga; in this connection V.S. asks whether E.S. would like to get some books sent in a parcel from Latvia. Talivaldis (brother of V.S.) got married in 1956; he should get more education but now it is difficult for him to think about it because of his age and family status. V.S. himself is working on constructions (does not state where) and has a large family to support: beside his son Aivars a daughter Dagmara was born after WW II and V.S. has also to support his mother i.l. (Mrs. BERGMANIS) who is ailing - has some troubles with her legs. - Further V.S. states that the little family house of E.S. in Annimuiža (in Pārdaugava; northeast of RR Station Imants) still stands and is occupied by some people V.S. ~~unknown~~ does not know. In this connection V.S. mentions also that the small plants of birches, which once were planted at this family house, now are large trees and resemble the birches in the painting of PURVĪTIS (Vilhelms, a famous Latvian artist-painter) - a very sentimental phrase which seems to intend to create homesickness in E.S.

* V. TEPPERS writes also that E.S. could send a letter to V.S. by using the following address: Vasaras Street 18 in Rīgas Jūrmala (should be in Melluži or Jaundubulti). In doing so E.S. might use as addressee any name he wants since - according to V. TEPPERS - V.S. has made some arrangements with the people living at this address so that all letters received there are going to be forwarded to V.S.

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E.S. stated that he has immediately written to V.S. (presumably to the address in Rīgas Jūrmala); using this true name as sender - which he regrets now - but up to now has received no answer. E.S. does not intend to write again - not before he gets an answer from V.S. - since he does not want to endanger his nephew and now

he is also doubtful as to the intentions of V.S. - is going to be very careful in this correspondence.

Further E.S. characterised his nephew as a rather unbalanced person who was weak in his character and was easily influenced by others - had no strong principles on his own. In this connection E.S. admits that it would not be impossible that now his nephew has come under the influence of the Communists. E.S. thinks also that the family of V.S' wife, i.e. the BERGMANS, might have influenced V.S. in this direction because the BERGMANS were not a Latvian family but mixed up with the Russians. E.S. told also that the father of V.S. did not like the ~~present~~ wife of his son, i.e. BERGMANS Alise, while she was one of the girl-friends of V.S. (they got married when the father and other relatives of V.S. had already been deported to Russia) and was opposed to the intention of V.S. to get married to this girl. In this connection E.S., too, did not participate at the wedding of his nephew since he thought that V.S. should respect his father's will. Besides, E.S. recalled that participating at the wedding of V.S. were the KROLLS (see card 2922, i.e. KROLLS Otto) who are in some relationship with the BERGMANS. E.S. even suggested that C.O. should get in contact with the KROLLS (now living in Chicago - as E.S. had heard) if C.O. intends to get more info about the BERGMANS. C.O. rejected this suggestion since it might arouse unnecessary suspicions - it would be rather difficult to explain to the KROLLS why C.O. is asking for such info. E.S. agreed that it might be too complicated. Besides, E.S. stated that he is one of four brothers (another one was the late father of V.S., SVEICS Adolfs) and each of them has had a different fate - E.S. did not explain this statement but it implied that not all of these brothers were as honest and good Latvian patriots as E.S. himself.

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Appendix # 1

Subject: Verbal statement concerning Agent's contacts with VAIDEMARS acquaintances

During the meetings with the Soviet tourist from Latvia, INFANTJEVS, fnu (see App. # 2) in Stockholm in October, 1956, Agent was informed by the latter that Agent's mother in Riga is rather ill. This caused Agent to reveal to INFANTJEVS that there is a physician in Latvia, who knows Agent rather well and who could help Agent's mother - he gave I. the name of DR. BERGMANS Harijs - if informed about this need.

About two month after this discussion Agent received a letter from I., sent from Latvia via Finland, which stated that I. had located the a/m physician, had had a talk with the latter and that this physician (I. referred to him as KAINIETIS - a rather free translation of the surname BERGMANIS - in this letter and at first Agent did not understand what is meant by this, later observed that there is a small letter B written ~~under~~ below KAINIETIS and thus get the true meaning) is in a responsible position - though did not explain in which aspect.

About at the end of January, 1957, Agent received a letter from Dr. H.B. directly. It was sent by regular mail to the covert address of Agent in Stockholm (Agent revealed that it was sent to c/o SKANSTINS, an old and close friend of Agent). The sender of this letter was marked as K. JEKABSONS and the return address was on Fr. Engelsa Street in Riga. When receiving this letter Agent did not understand at first who is the writer. Then he recalled that in the fall of 1954 there arrived in Sweden a letter for Albins LIEBRECHTS at the address of the Latvian Relief Committee in Stockholm (a pre-arranged accommodation address for the correspondence between VAIDEMARS and BRUNO; Agent, since living in Stockholm, had to watch for these letters) and that this letter from VAIDEMARS contained the same address on Fr. ENGELSA Street. In this letter ~~dated~~ of Jan. '57, Dr. H.B. writes that he is very glad to get in contact with Agent again (they became acquainted while waiting for the illegal boats to Sweden in Kurzeme in the fall of 1944.) and hopes to remain in correspondence with him. Further H.B. mentions that his son is 7 (or 8) years old and has started to attend the elementary school.

To this letter Agent answered, asking H.B. to assist Agent's mother. - Agent explained that he made this request very cleverly in order not to reveal that the receiver of this letter is a physician: Agent wrote that such and such person is very old, has difficulties in reading the orders and prescriptions of her physicians and that therefore the receiver of this letter should help her to read these instructions.

As to another person who might be in contact with VAIDEMARS - a common acquaintance of Agent and VAIDEMARS, one Hugo L. - Agent was somewhat reluctant to reveal more info. When C.O. asked Agent about this person, Agent started to tell about some other Hugo and only after a while it came out that C.O. asked about some other person. As to Hugo L. (who, according to VAIDEMARS, studied at the Academy of Agriculture in Riga in 1948), Agent mentioned that he corresponds with him and that the latter is living somewhere in the countryside. Agent was not sure anymore whether Hugo L. is in direct contact with VAIDEMARS - no such indications have been received in the letters from Hugo L. (a couple years ago Agent was convinced that Hugo L. and VAID. are in close contact).

Besides, Agent asked whether C.O. thinks that VAIDEMARS still has W/T contacts with the Swedes (Agent knew in 1949/50 that such contacts exist). C.O. replied that he has no knowledge about it - all he knows is that in 1950 such contacts were made,

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f.i. BRUNO got an answer from VALDEMARS on a few questions through these channels and that it was apparent to C.O. that VALDEMARS was still the operator.

C.O. did not reproach Agent that the latter has interfered with a case which is under the responsibility of C.O. but asked that in the future Agent should inform him as to the correspondence between Agent and Dr. H. BERGMANIS. C.O. motivated this by the very complex nature of this case and warned Agent to be very careful in handling this correspondence. Agent on this part justified his step as a pure personal matter since he had to find some ways to help his mother in her illness. He promised to observe strictly this limitation and not to mix it up with some clandestine activities. He promised also to keep C.O. informed about this correspondence - is going to refer to Dr. H.B. as KALNIETIS in his letters to C.O. (this agreement should be changed; however, during the next meeting since this code name has been proposed by INFANTJEVS.).

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File # 122, Doc. # 1 A

Subject: Transcript of the letter written by R.J. in Riga on 30 Nov. '56, sent via her mother in Canada to Bruno (mailed in Canada on 15 Dec. '56 - one day after receiving it).

Sveiks ! Cik savādi gan tas ir, Tev tak man būtu ko rakstīt vairāk ka jeb kuram citam, bet jau pie pirma teikuma jāpstājas un jādoma, ko rakstīt. Varbūt tas tādēļ, ka papīrs to visu nepanestu, jeb arī pagājis parak ilgs laiks. - Mēs atgriezāmies, bet ne visi. Oskars * ir Rīgā, vips mani vairākas reizes ir uzmeklējis. Nu, mēs jau vēl vienmēr esam labi draugi un kopējās gaitās ir izveidojušies arī kopēji dzīves uzskati, tā ka varam parrunāt un pie gadījuma arī draudzīgi pastridēties. Viņu satikt man bija liels prieks. Arī Aina ** ir te, bet viņu vēl neesmu satikusi, jo sakāra ar savu darbu vairāk brauka apkārt. Liēkas ir tikpat enerģiska ka agrāk. Robis *** ir kopā ar Teo, tāpat Brunis ****. Par Romiiti ***** neka nezinu. Vienu laiku sakāma mēs gan dzīvojam ļoti tuvu, pat kādā laikā viena mājā, bet satikt man viņu neizdevās, lai gan ļoti to vēlējos. Visu laiku tepat uz vietas ir bijis Vidis #. Tas ir vienīgais, kas kaut ko sasniedzis, iepēn labu vietu, pašam sava mašīna. Viņu neesmu meklējusi un nav arī vēlēšanās, bet ziņas tāpat atklist, jo Rīga ir maza. Biju aizgājusi pie Andža ## vecakiem. Uzņēma ļoti sīsnīgi. Tēvam balta, balta galva, bet vēl enerģijas diezgan, pelna labi un par dzīvi nesudzas. Viņam labi noder viņa valodas zināšanas. Audzina savas vecākas meitas meitas, kas jau lielas. Arī mātē vēl turas dušīgi un nav zaudējusi humoru. Abi tikai ļoti pārdzīvo savas vecākas meitiņas nāvi. Par pārējiem bērniem ir mierīgi, tiem ejot labi. Man prieks, ka Tev iet labi. Jau paša sākuma, kad man bija visgrūtāk, ziņas par Tevi bija mans vienīgais prieks un apmierinājums. Pie mana likteņa neviens nav vainīgs un es to arī nenozēloju ###. Protams neteikšu, ka jutos labi, jau tadēļ vien, ka visi tie, kas man visdārgākie ir parak tālu un ne vienmēr pietiek spēka cerēt, ka visi vēl tiksīnīes, kaut arī pavisam šo cerību neesmu zaudējusi. Par manu dzīvi pagājušos gados nav daudz ko rakstīt. Šo to jau esmu rakstījusi savai mātēi; pēmot palīga drusku fantāzijas un paša piedzīvojumus tā bilde bus diezgan skaidra. Un tagad, tagad es dzīvoju, strādāju un priecājos par to, ka dzīvoju, jo cita īemesla nav, bet arī tas ir ļoti daudz, daudz vairāk ka es to kadreiz domāju. Priecājos, ka Tu nēssi aizmīrsis manu Ritu, un man bus apmierinājums, ja arī turpmāk Tu viņu šād tad atcerēsies un tāpat ja par Tevi sapēmsu kādas ziņas, jo "veca draudzība nerus" un kadreiz tak mēs bijām labi draugi.
Pāliec sveiks, jeb "uzredzesanos !"
Kaut pēdējie nebūtu tukši vārdi.

Ragnis

* Oskars MITREVICS - see card 117; the fact that he is back in Riga was mentioned already by R.J. in her letter to her mother in Canada (received there on 5 Nov. '56) - in this letter R.J. writes that " I am glad to meet people who, after all these sufferings, are still full of the joy of life - as is Oskars." This letter tells also that the wife of O.M., Aina MITREVICS (see card 118) is in Riga and that their daughter Antaresa M. is now a big girl.

*** Roberts KRASTIŅŠ - classmate (former) of VALDEMARS; was a national partizan in Kurzeme from 8 May '45 to the beginning of 1946 when - according to VALDEMARS - was killed in action by the Soviet security forces in Kurzeme. His wife, Dzidra, nee VĪBULIS, escaped to Sweden on 18 Nov. '44; now remarried to Latv. Reverend CUIBE Leons and lives in Uppsala, Sweden. His brother lives in Canberra, Australia; his parents remained in Latvia.

**** Bruno RUĢENS - see card 104. That he is now together with Teo (i.e. Teodors

JANSONS - see card 114) means that he, as well as Roberts KRASTINS, are dead - supposedly killed in action like Teodors J. His father, Janis R. (see card 103), was mentioned by "Ciņa" in July 1954 as working at the rubber goods factory "Meteors" in Riga.

***** Romans STERNBERGS - see card 3787. The letter indicates that for a while R.J. was in the same prison with R.S. but had no opportunity to meet him there.

VALDEMARS. - In 1944/45 he and R.J. were co-operating very closely. In Oct. '45 R.J. went from the forests south of Ventpils to Ventpils in order to warn V. about the traps of MVD; when returning to the forest she was captured by the Soviets. Before this happened, V. was preparing a small boat in Venstpils for a planned escape to Sweden; the prospective candidates for this sail were: V., R.J., Bruno and some friend (PLIEDERS fmu ?) of V., who was building this boat.

Andzs - nickname of Bruno while in the forests.

Here R.J. is saying that Bruno is not to be blamed about the sufferings R.J. went through due to her participation in Bruno's activities and that she does not regret her fight against the Communists at that time.

Remark: Mother of R.J., Mrs. Beata GAILĪTIS (see card 123), received the first letters from R.J. directly in January and March 1956. At this time R.J. was near Karaganda in Kazakhstan, doing some transportation work (by horse carts). Later Mrs.B.G. received letters from R.J., stating that the latter returned to Riga on 31 July '56. Mrs.B.G. received also photos of R.J., taken in Mezaparks, Riga, by a close friend of R.J., MERKMANIS Leonids (see card 2797) in August 1956 - see photos attached. These pictures show that R.J. has very well survived the hardships of deportation - looks almost the same as in 1945, no particular changes can be observed. According to the letters of Mrs. B.G., R.J. is now living with her cousin, Dr. Anna BORMANIS (a lady-physician who repatriated voluntarily from West Germany to Latvia around 1948, has often been mentioned in Soviet Latvian publications) in the latter's own house in Mezaparks. The son of Mrs.B.G., Arnis GAILĪTIS (see card 121), too, came back to Latvia from Siberia in 1956 together with his wife and daughter, Dace, born on 1 Febr. 1956; he lives now in Riga - supposedly with Dr. A. BORMANIS.

Present address of Mrs. Beata GAILĪTIS : 210, Bradford Str.,
Barrie - Ont.
Canada.

Mrs.B.G. is corresponding with R.J. through her sisters (two) in Latvia who are much older than Mrs.B.G. However, R.J. in answering is not very cautious because she signs her letters in her true first name.

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"PULKVEDIS" (COLONEL)

Peters OZOLINS

Regina KRUZE; daughter Marate OZOLINS

✓ Dr. Harrijs BERGMANIS

Izolde VITOLS - Riga, Dzirnau iela 27.

Hermans BERG

Tugolfs ZILE - Riga, Amatu iela 7,

DINVIETIS, fmu - employed in Artel "Sondaris"

Oskars LEIMANIS (dentist)

Dr.med. Alfreds VITOLS

Ed. SCHIRONS (professor of law at University of Latvia)

J. CERINS

KLAVLAPA (fisherman), Eduards

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Dr. BERGMANIS Harijs

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Vidvuds SVEICS
Born ab. 1922. His father was an official of the Customs Administration

in Riga (Rīgas Muižas pārvalde - in Latv.) during free Latvia. His mother supposedly was of Russian origin since the parents as well as their children spoke fluently Russian. Harijs B. has a sister Alise who was born ab. 1920. The latter attended the 2nd Municipal Gymnasium in Riga from ab. 1934 to 1939; in 1941, after the Soviet withdrawal from Latvia, she got married to SVEICS Vidvuds, her former school-mate; in 1942 she gave the birth of their first child, son Alvars; at this time the SVEICS were living in Riga at Blaumaņa St. 26, Apt. 23.

Harijs Bergmanis, too, attended the a/m gymnasium, approx. from 1936 to 1941. He was a rather phlegmatic boy, bespectacled; was quite good in gymnastics. About in 1942 he started to study medicine at the University of Latvia in Riga; among his class-mates here was the son of Dr. med. RUZĪTIS Kristaps (the latter was a well-known physician in Riga and a member of the Faculty of Medicine at the a/m university; he and his son remained in Latvia in 1944*).

In October 1944 Harijs B. left Riga together with his sister and her family in order to escape from Kurzeme to Sweden. His brother i. l., SVEICS Vidvuds, managed to obtain for him an certificate from the Frontaufklärungstrupp 212 (a military espionage unit of the German Army) which enabled H.B. to live in Kurzeme for a couple months without being bothered by the German security forces. They arrived in Ventspils about ^{the} mid-October and lived here on Saules St. for about a month together with other refugees from Riga, among

them the family of ERMANIS Edgars (see card 1992), Mr. & Mrs. PUKSIS Edmonds (the latter is now in Sweden where she is re-married to the noted economist-statistician, ZIVERTS Karlis - a co-worker of Gen. TEPFERS Vernors), Mrs. KRASTINS Dzidra, nee VIBULIS (now in Sweden, re-married to the Lutheran Reverend, OUIBE Leonids, in Uppsala), Mrs. JANSONS Ragnija, nee Gaillitis and others. except Mr. & Mrs. PUKSIS (see card 122). All these persons were listed then by Bruno and this list was submitted to Dr. GINTERS Valdis who was registering all the prospective illegal travelers ^{from Kurzeme} to Sweden. At the beginning of November all the persons listed by Bruno received an order from a co-worker of Dr. V. GINTERS the well-known "Osis" (i.e. BILESKINS Osvalds), that they have to move ^{contact having made} from Ventspils to the seashore around Jurkalne where they should wait for the boats from Sweden. As far as Bruno remembers, Harijs B. and his relatives were billeted in the farmstead "Roni" in Jurkalne. From this group only Mrs. KRASTINS (now OUIBE) managed to escape to Sweden on the night of 18 November because it happened that there was a vacant place on the boat this night. Harijs B. participated together with his brother i.l. and other younger men, among them ^{20/-} LUKINS Janis (now in Stockholm, Sweden), in clandestine patrols along the seacoast to watch for the boats from Sweden. Around Christmas 1944 the Germans made a big raid in order to catch the illegal would-be travelers; in this raid both Harijs B. and SVEICS Vidvuds got arrested, and imprisoned in a jail in Laspaja and interrogated by the SD. Though imprisoned in separate cells they managed to get in contact and co-ordinate their testimonies because a prison guard, ZAIKALNS fru, was well acquainted with V. SVEICS (both were members of the fraternity "Talavia"). At this time an officer of the Frontaufklarungstrupp 212, Lt. von Fircks (see card 906) interrogated some of Bruno's co-workers in Kuldiga as to the purposes of V. SVEICS and H. BERGMANIS being AWOL. After a couple months both were released from the prison - V. SVEICS got assigned to a reserve unit (company) of the Latvian Legion in Laspaja but H.B. returned to Jurkalne.

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where the wife of V.SVEIKS still was waiting for the illegal boats.

During the days of capitulation V.SVEIKS joined ^{to} his family in Jurkalne since he thought that now it will be possible to escape to Sweden. About a week after the capitulation V.S. and H.B. got detained by the Soviets and brought ^{from Jurkalne} to the "filtration" camp near Ventspils. Here they formed together with another Latvian a trio which managed to get on good terms with the MVD camp guards since they spoke Russian and showed no fear.

When the investigating officers of the MVD visited this camp to make decisions as to the further fate of the camp inmates, these guards described this trio as "our people" and they were released. Shortly afterwards H.B. went to Riga to take up his studies. About 1947 he graduated from the University of Latvia. In summer 1947 or 1948 he worked as an auxiliary physician at the health resort of Jemori; at this time he was already married. Despite this fact he had several love affairs in Jemori with his patients - wealthy Russian wives. Now and then he was also the physician in charge during sport events in Riga. Besides his income as a physician he made much money by practicing illegal abortion though there were heavy fines if such cases were detected by the authorities. In 1948 he was assigned to the post of the ^{hospital} director in Viesīte (5622 2534). / the last paragraph is based on VALDEMARIS' statements in fall 1948 - Br./.

Bruno remembers H.B. as a phlegmatic young man who did not like to take orders and showed no enthusiasm for the Latvian cause, was very sceptical, sometimes even cynical. Often he was grinning about serious matters and one could get very angry ^{about} this. He seemed to be rather lazy and was often stubborn - it could be that he was rather spoiled by his parents. Since his sister, Alise, was known already at the school as a covetous girl it could be assumed that H.B. choose to become a physician not by idealistic motives. For his description see Bruno's report about 19 potentially helpful persons (in Latvian), submitted to PAUL in spring 1953.

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More detailed info about H.B. could be obtained from:

KUKAINIS Roberts (see card 915), who supposedly was H.B.'s teacher at the
2nd Municipal Gymnasium in Riga; now in the USA;

Mrs. ČUIBS Daidra (see page 2), who in October/November 1944 was almost daily
together with him; now in Sweden, Uppsala, Järnbrogatan 60 c;

LŪKINS Jānis (see page 2), who patrolled together with H.B. at nights
in Jūrkalne; in spring 1949 asked VALDEMARS about H.B.
whom he remembered well.

As to the sister of H.B., SVEICS Alise, she was mentioned several times
by "Čīpa" in 1953 as a member of the All-Latvian volleyball team who traveled
also outside Latvia in other Soviet countries. According to VALDEMARS she
was living together with her parents and two children (a daughter, Dagmara,
was born ab. 1946) in Riga, Padomju Boulevard 2, Apt. 4, i.e. on the northwest
corner of this boulevard and Ļepine (formerly Kalpa) St. Later VALDEMARS
mentioned in a letter that the house number has been changed - the new number
was either 12 or 16 (should be mentioned somewhere in the old materials of
Bruno). Recently her name has disappeared from the Soviet publications.

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Besides the info recorded on her card and in File # 204, Doc. # 2, p. 6, the
following info was obtained from one of her former class-mates at the 2nd
Municipal Gymnasium:

She was an intelligent and beautiful girl who had also much success with the
boys. However, she was at this time premature - some facts indicated that
she knows more about sexual matters than her class-mates, probably had had
already then much experience in love affairs. Once she expressed a rather
odd thought that mature men with gray hair are much more interesting than
the stupid boys in school. It occurred also that she wrote compositions
in class which showed that she is preoccupied with big and sad problems

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of the human nature. Her favorite book was "Les Miserables" by Victor Hugo, the famous French writer.

After graduating from the a/m gymnasium she got married to a Latvian jurist in 1938 or 1939. Her husband was a member of one of the student fraternities, was a nice young man, employed at that time by some municipal or state agency in Riga on the corner of Liela Smilšu and Tiekšņu St. Shortly afterwards a daughter was born to her (besides, APSĪTIS Andrejs, her school-mate, made ~~xxxxxx~~ a formal call to her in this regard and proposed that this daughter should have the first name Maruta; it was not accepted, however). During 1940/41 the VITOLS lived in Friedaine (between Riga and Rīgas Jūrmala) in a private house.

Her father was the manager of one of the breweries of "Aldaris" in Riga on Matīsa St. between Brīvības and Tērbatas St.; an apartment for his family was at his disposal here. There were rumors that her father is a drunkard; in any case her parents had big troubles at home. He died presumably in 1937 or 1938. -

Bruno attended for one year the same class of elementary school as I.V. at the school in Bulduri, Muizā St. 4 in 1928/29. At this time her father was the manager of the "Kuncendorfs" brewery in Bulduri. She was then the best pupil in the second grade. She had some trouble with her lungs (supposedly an inactive process of TB) and it was told that this fact caused the move of the BĒRZIŅŠ from Bulduri to Riga.

In summer 1935 Bruno visited her in Kuldīga where her aunt or some other close relative was living. Bruno was very surprised that at this time she had a boy-friend, a local policeman of Kuldīga, who was much older than she; it seemed that both were on very intimate terms.

During the unofficial graduating ball in June 1938, which was held in Beberbeķi on the outskirts of Riga, she choose APSĪTIS Andrejs as her date and slept together with him the following night. This caused another boy,

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her ex-date, BUSERS Eduards, to commit suicide which failed?

She is of short height, has an oval face with a classic profile, brown eyes, dark hair, wide hips.

As far as Bruno remembers she and her parents were Greek-Orthodox.

In Bruno's opinion she was a very intelligent girl who had a subpressed desire to have a fast life. Her political attitude is a big question.

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CIT: USSR?
BERGS Hermanis *D.B. 1919* *contact of* *Vidvuds SVEICS* *RGB*

He could be one of the brothers of BERGS Hugo. The latter was born 1919; attended the 2nd Municipal Gymnasium in Riga from 1933 to 1938; started to study veterinary science at the University of Latvia but was arrested in spring 1941 by the NKVD due to his participation in national underground movement (see Bruno's autobiography). A short time later also his father, a sea captain, and two or three brothers were deported to Russia. As far as Bruno remembers one of these brothers had the first name Hermanis and was a couple years younger than Hugo B.; so now he could be 30-35 years old. The Berge were known as a very patriotic family though their living conditions were rather poor!

W-201
CIT: USSR?
ELIE Tugolfs *RIGA, ANATU ST. 7* *Vidvuds SVEICS* *RGB*

Unknown. This first name is very strange in Latvian; probably there is an error in its spelling.

DINVIETIS, frau

Unknown. The name sounds somehow familiar though it is a rare one in Latvian.

The name DINVIETIS appears in the sports section of "Laiks", 2 July 1955, p.8.

An article mentions there that Daina DINVIETIS and Viesturs DINVIETIS from Uppsala participated at the 9th championship in cross-country race for the Latvians in Sweden and were among the winners.

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LEIMANIS Oskars

Born ab.1919. His father, Jānis LEIMANIS, was lecturer in road engineering at the University of Latvia since 1925; in 1945 he escaped to Sweden where he lives together with his oldest son Juris (born ab.1918) and his wife Eizneija, nee ROLE (more about him see E.V.P. and Latv.Encyclopaedia). Both his sons attended the French Lyceum in Riga. At that time the LEIMANIS lived in Mežaparks across the Zoo where they owned a two-storey private house. After graduating from the a/m Lyceum Juris L. studied engineering but Oskars either economics or law at the University of Latvia; both were members of the fraternity "Fraternitas Lettica". About 1942 Oskars L. married Velta LŪSIS (born ab.1922), daughter of the noted Latvian soloist-singer LŪSIS Herta. In 1943 or 1944 both brothers were enrolled into the Latvian Legion. During the days of the capitulation in May 1945 Juris L. managed to escape to Sweden (was in hospital in Liepāja at this time) but Oskars L. remained in Kurzeme.

According to VALDEMARS (as told in 1948/49) Oskars L. came as POW to Russia but was comparatively well off there because he possesses the rare gift to get adjusted to every living conditions and situations. About in fall 1946 he was released to Riga, Latvia; spent here several month in a transit-camp for ex-POWs and afterwards got a good job in Riga. He became also a member of the national underground group, probably the same where VALDEMARS was active, and had the task to build up an underground cell among the artists of Riga Opera House (got this assignment due to his connections with many artists there who were well acquainted with him because of his marriage with the daughter of Herta Lūsis, a former star with this Opera Company. In 1948 Oskars L. went to Liepāja in order to check the possibility of a illegal boat action to Sweden by using the boats of Liepāja Yacht Club. He unceasingly thought about his wife and hoped to get re-united with her - was an exemplary husband in this aspect.

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At the time VALDEMARS told all this it was known that the wife of Oskars L. is in West Germany and has lost all hopes to see her husband again. Thus VALDEMARS agreed that the a/m facts should be told, to Oskar's brother, Juris Leimanis, who was studying engineering in Stockholm (the latter is very well acquainted with VALDEMARS; was his boss for a period at the Traffic Inspection in Riga during the German occupation in 1942. VALDEMARS however was afraid to have a meeting with him since he knew Juris L. as a rather talkative person). About in March 1949 Bruno asked Juris L. for a private talk and explained him the situation of his brother, stressing that this should be kept in the strictest secrecy. A couple month later, however, it came out that Juris L. had told this news to several persons in Stockholm, mentioning that his brother Oskars is already on the way to Sweden. Upon that Bruno sent a very strong warning to Juris L. to cease with such dangerous talks which could result in the death of his brother.

The wife of Oskars L., Velta, immigrated in the USA together with her mother in 1950 and re-married to ELEKŠNĪTIS Juris (the latter is studying dentistry at the Harvard University, Mass.). Her address: 750 West Riverside, N.Y.C. Presently she is employed as assistant manager at some Aged Home for Jews in New York and is well off - has an income of \$7000-8000 a year.

Oskars L. speaks fluently Russian (his mother is of Russian origin), also German and some French. His uncle, LEIMANIS Augusts, former director of the French Lyceum, remained in Latvia in 1944. Another uncle, LEIMANIS Oskars (Director General of Transportation during the German occupation), lives now in Grand Rapids, Mich.

It is probable that Oskars L. was well acquainted with APSĪTIS Andrejs already during the Ulmanis' time since they were close neighbors in Mežaparks. In any case Juris Leimanis was very well acquainted with A. Apsitis since both artillery were officers with the 19th Division of the Latvian Legion in Kurzeme.

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During the a/m conversation with Juris L. the fact that A. Apsitis is alive and married with DAMBITIS Guna was mentioned by Bruno. Since Juris L. as well as A. Apsitis were active members of the Latvian Boy Scout organization it might be that they had participated at common activities. - The LEDMANIS are very well acquainted with Mr. SINGER.

VITOLS Alfreds, Dr. med.

Unknown. The first name and especially the surname are very common in Latvian thus he might be a physician of ^{the} younger generation.

A VITOLS Janis Alfreds, born 1889, was a physician in Riga and Chief of the Health Board of Riga during the Ulmanis' time. His family was very well acquainted with the APSITIS, especially the wives. He deceased ~~some time~~ ^{he is still living} after 1938. His daughter Aina (born ab. 1920) was a school-mate of APSITIS Andrejs. After she had graduated from the 2nd Municipal Gymnasium of Riga in 1938, she started to study medicine at the University of Latvia. During her studies she married to another student of medicine, BARONS Rūp. The latter got enrolled into the Latvian Legion as a Lieutenant-Physician after having graduated from the university in 1943. After the WWII Aina BARONS lived together with her husband in West Germany, British Zone and got repatriated to Latvia under mysterious circumstances in 1948 or 1949. Later they have been mentioned in "Cīpa" as working at the hospital in Rūjiena (5755 2515); it was told that Dr. BARONS had participated at some postgraduate courses in Leningrad in 1953. The mother of Aina Barons, Jūlija, nee LIPSBERGA, remained in 1944 in Latvia and this might be the cause why Aina B. returned to Latvia.

Another VITOLS, first name Teodors, born 1903, was assistant in surgery at the University of Latvia and obtained the degree of Dr. med in 1935. In 1950 he immigrated in the USA from Germany and now is working at the clinic of the University of Minnesota. - It is very likely that he could give some info as to Dr. med. VITOLS Alfreds. ~~SECRET~~ The latter is not the a/m Janis Alfreds VITOLS.

SIKONS Edwards (not SCHIRONS - this would be the spelling in German)
Born 1893 in Vecpiebalga (for his BI data see E.V.P. and Latv. Encylop.).
Was lecturer ~~in~~ at the Faculty of law and Economics, ^{Chair of Economics} of the University of
Latvia. Known among the students as a rigorous examiner therefore not
popular. An invalid - one arm amputated - which could be the cause of his
stern attitude toward the students. It was known among the students that
he is in strong favor of the theory of the ^{noted} German professor, KOSBRAD ~~fnu~~.
In any case he had no sympathies for Communism, i.e. Marxism. He was very
conservative regarding his dresses, had crew-cut, was bespectacled.
In 1952/53 he was mentioned several times in "Cipa" where he was criticized
due to his inability to adjust himself to the requirements of the new line
of ~~in~~ research in economics. However, several month later he was praised
due to his participation at the special courses of Marxism-Leninism or
something in this line.

He must be well acquainted with Bruno's father since both are from Vecpiebalga
and have studied economics. Since Bruno's father, too, was for a short time
lecturer at the a/n faculty after the WW II, they had to work together then
(a third lecturer at this faculty, STIPRAIS Janis, was also from Vecpiebalga
but deceased a couple years after the WW II). It might be called a bad
generalization but the fact is that the older generation with academic
education who came from Vecpiebalga formed a certain elite during the new
Latvian State and were very proud of this fact. Besides the people of
Vecpiebalga were widely known as smart businessmen who are able to adjust
themselves to various ways of life.

APSTIS Andrejs, too, should be acquainted with E.S. since the latter had
an introductory course in economics also for the law students.

Among the Latvian scientists in exile E.S. would be best known by:

MAIZSILINIS Arnolds, Professor in Economics, now in Stockholm, Sweden;

ELBERTS Karlis, Lecturer in Economics, now in Stockholm, Sweden;

BRILLIS Rudolfs, Assistant President of the Latv. Univ. in 1940/41, now in N.Y.C.

CERINS J.

Supposedly CERINS. It might be that this is identical with CERINS Edwards,

Magister of law, who was employed at the "Latviesu Kartoteka" in 1941-43;
arrested by the SD on 6 March 1943 and released after a couple month.

Afterwards he continued to participate in the national underground where he worked in the group "Brīvā Latvija", i.e. the members of "Pērkonkrusts". While in the forests in Kurzeme in summer and fall 1945, Bruno received news from Riga (via VALDEMARS) that Eduards CERIPS is there, tries to organize support for the national partisans and therefore would like to meet Bruno; this meeting, however, did not take place. It is very probable that Ed.Cerips was among the publishers of the illegal newspaper "Mazais Latvīs" which started to come out irregularly after the Ww II.

Bruno remembers that during a conversation with Gen. ~~TEPFERS~~^{spring} Verners in 1949 or 1950 the name of Cerips was mentioned and it came out that Gen. T, too, is acquainted with a CERIPS - his acquaintance too was a jurist and engaged in national underground in Latvia at this time but, as Gen. T described him, there were some differences which indicated that this man is not identical with Eduards Cerips. As far as Bruno remembers the person mentioned by Gen. T was a Latvian officer who had fought ^{with} in the Latvian Legion and had also participated at the illegal boat traffic from Kurzeme to Sweden. In any case Bruno got the impression that Gen. T considers him as an able and experienced clandestine worker.

More info about this Cerins might be obtained from:

Dr. GINTERS Valdis - Stockholm, Sweden;

LŪKINS' Jānis - d:0;

PARUPS Erlas - 100 Strawberry Hill W.Cottage, Stamford, Conn. (if it is true that Gerijs J. is a Latvian Army officer).

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KLAVLAPA Eduards (fisherman)

Unknown. As far as it could be checked this name does not appear in "Ciga" or Riga Radio during 1953 and up to May 1955.

" ANSIS "

Unknown. The only common acquaintance could be MAURINS Ansis, now in Great Britain.

Note: As to the code name "PULKVERDIS" it does not necessarily mean that this group is headed by a person in the rank of a colonel.

In 1948/49 Bruno told VALDEMARS the whole story of the imaginary "Colonel" in Kurzeme - how a legend about him had been built up in order to achieve greater discipline among the dispersed groups of national partisans in Kurzeme. It could be that the same method is used now again by some underground group in Latvia.

As to OZOLIS Peteris see card 1961.

* From ab.Oct.1944 to May 1945 Dr.med. RUDZITIS Kristaps was director of the hospital in Talsi, Kurzeme. His son was together with him here and H.B. intended to visit his friend in Talsi in Nov.1944.

In 1953 there was an announcement in "Ciga" that a physician RUDZITIS is going to have a dissertation in order to obtain the degree of the candidate of medical science (medicinas zinatgu kandidats - in Latv.) the next scientific degree after having graduated from the university in Soviet Latvia - Br.). The topic of this dissertation was about some medical problem of the health resort Jomeri. It is probable that this Rudzitis is the son of the a/m Dr.med.K.Rudzitis.

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Additional info

RIPA Ilgvars (code name) mentions the following facts about DAMBITIS Guna and her sister Inese (there is an error in Doc. # 1, p. 2 where it is stated that the first name of G. Dambitis' sister is Mara - this info was given by Mrs. SINGER) in the letter of 7 Dec. 1954:

" Inese has three children. Married is also Inese's sister Guna who is already bringing up a son "

The last sentence indicates that I. RIPA is not too well acquainted now with the family of Guna Dambitis otherwise he should know that a daughter was born to her already in 1952 or 1953 (according to VALDENARS' letter in spring 1953; this fact was mentioned also in the letter of the sister of Mrs. APSITIS Milda - see Doc. # 1, p. 4).

A former class-mate of DAMBITIS Guna, Mrs. MITREVICS Ludmila (see Doc. # 1, p. 6) gave the following info about G.D. during a casual conversation between her and Bruno on June 21 1955 in Washington, D.C.:

Guna D. obviously had a patriotic upbringing at her parents' home - Mrs. L.M. remembers that there were large photos of President Ulmanis and General Balodis in their home.

It happened that Mrs. L.M. and G.D. strolled around in Riga during the days in June 1940 when the Soviet occupation troops arrived in Riga (both girls had just graduated from the gymnasium at this time). At this occasion G.D. expressed spontaneously to Mrs. L.M. her despair about this happening; it was apparent that she hates the Communists.

Later on when her father became minister at the Soviet controlled Latvian government, G.D. got very silent and reserved toward her former friends - it was quite obvious that she was ashamed of the role of her father.

Mrs. L.M. is convinced that G.D. would never like the Communists and their

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way of life. On the other hand Mrs. L.M. stated that she knew G.D. as a very ambitious girl who was eager to make a career as physician.

Note: This conversation took place in the apartment rooms of Mr. LAUBERTS

Aleksandra and Mrs. NOISCHKE Maiga in Wash. D.C. at 128 O St., N.E., Apt. 23;

Mrs. Ludmilla Mitrevics just now is living here due to her studies

at the Howard University in dentistry. Bruno did not ask her more

detailed questions about G.D. in order not to arouse her curiosity.

It would be a good idea to do this through Mr. LAUBERTS, who is noted

for his curiosity among the Latvians here, because his work at the VOA

gives him a good cover.

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File # 122, Doc. # 4

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Subject: Some additional info concerning JANSONS Ragnija furnished by her mother, GAILITIS Beata, in the latter's letter of 10 April, 1957.

This letter of B.G. is an answer to Bruno's letter of 29 March '57 - in this letter Bruno informed B.G. that his friends in Sweden are ready to send a parcel to JANSONS Ragnija and asked in this connection to what address in Latvia this parcel should be sent, as well as about the contents of such parcel.

B.G. suggests in the a/m letter that no old, i.e. used items should be sent since she has already sent to R. JANSONS three parcels and the latter now is supplied with the most necessary things. Instead B.G. suggests that either shoes or dress material be sent now; possibly a wrist watch. B.G. writes that such parcel should be sent to the following address:

Ragnija Jansons (Pamane Juncovic)

Ariga 14

Sudraba Edzus iela 18 - 1

R.S.S. de Latvian

Centrālā Vairāde SVĒies
1963

and as sender:

B. Gailitis
210, Bradford Str.
Barrie - Ont.
Canada

B.G. remarks that her daughter has a passport on the name of Ragnija Jansons and that the people in Latvia have to show their passports in order to receive the parcels.

B.G. writes also that she already has written to Ragnija J. that some parcel might be delivered to the latter in the name of B.G. but from some other country (than Canada) and that in such case Ragnija should know that it is sent by the former friends of Ragnija and that Fredis is corresponding with these friends.

It follows a quotation from the letter of Ragnija to B.G. (received presumably after 26 March '57, i.e. after the last letter of B.G. to Bruno in which she stated that two weeks have passed now without any letters from Ragnija) - it is an answer to the message to her by Bruno, sent via B.G. on 4 Feb. '57 (see Doc. # 2, p.3):

"Thanks to Fredis for his cordial words and greetings. He (Fredis) is one of the persons who has been closest to me in my life thus it ^{pleases} me so much. As to his questions about Robis and Vidis I cannot write more than I have already written (see Doc. # 1 A). He should be satisfied with it (i.e. what R.J. wrote in her letter of 30 Nov. '56, about these two persons). Vidis has never been a friend of mine and now our roads are leading in completely different directions. The father of Andzs (i.e. of Fredis) is very cordial to me and with a genuine desire to help me. It is a support which is not difficult for me to accept - he gives me the opportunity to make some earnings beside (my) job, as far as it is in his power. I am very grateful to him. I have not visited them (i.e. the father of Andzs and the latter's family) recently. This is caused by the long way and the dark evenings. Now I will make a trip to them since I have been invited there several times."

Note: Though usually the letters from B.G. are reaching Bruno in 2-3 days, the a/m letter, mailed on 11 April, arrived in Bruno's address only on 16 April, 1957.

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File # 2205, Doc. # 22

Appendix # 1

Subject: Verbal statement in regard to WALDEMAR and the latter's known or alleged co-workers.

Agent stated that when answering the letter of Dr. H. BERGMANS (see Doc. # 18) he had given a hint in this letter that he is going to visit USA. Thus Agent does not expect an answer to his letter from Dr. H. B. soon.

C.O. asked Agent whether the latter recalls the only meeting of Agent, WALDEMAR and C.O. in spring 1949 when WALDEMAR stated that he and his organization had knowledge about the mission from Sweden to Latvia by ZANDE Richards (see card 181) - C.O. asked in this connection if Agent recalls what was told by WALDEMAR about the persons who were supposed to be brought back illegally out of Latvia to Sweden by ZANDE. Agent said that he recalls only that, according to WALDEMAR's info, there were approx. 10 persons who wanted to escape with ZANDE to Sweden; Agent stated that this number corresponds with the news he received at that time from ZANDE in Latvia (i.e. before Z was arrested there; presumably these news were received by W/T - Br. O. - In this connection Agent mentioned that among the persons, proposed by ZANDE from Latvia as prospective escapees, was one Capt. APKALNS, fnu, who allegedly is the brother of the late Latvian pastor, APKALNS Peteris (possibly this brother is identical with APKALNS Peteris - see card 5339).

Further C.O. asked Agent whether he has some news about BILESKALNS, called OSIS (C.O. did not ask this question in connection with WALDEMAR but only by the way). Agent replied that he has heard that OSIS is still in Latvia. Agent stated that the wife of OSIS and her sister both are living in Sweden; that they are born KUPLAIS but that their father, though he too a Latvian Army colonel, is not identical with Col. KUPLAIS Eduards whose wife recently was released from Siberia to Sweden. Agent mentioned that he studied at the Univ. of Latvia at the same time when the sister of OSIS' wife was studying there.

This time C.O. asked Agent directly about the last name of Agent's and WALDEMAR's common friend, Hugo LESINS. Agent replied that the last name is LESINS. C.O. remarked that he has read in some Soviet Latvian newspaper this name and that it was mentioned, as far as he recalls, as an agronomist somewhere in Vidzeme. Agent replied that his friend, LESINS Hugo, in fact is living now in Vidzeme, has studied agronomy and it is quite possible that he is identical with the person mentioned in this publication.

Further C.O. asked whether Agent knows something about the fate of KRUMS Zanis (see card 3796) - Agent denied this but remarked that - if Z. KRUMS has been sent on a secret mission to Latvia as C.C. suspects - Z.K. in his opinion is completely unqualified for such task. Agent added that SKOBE Elmars (see card 3794), whom he visited in Toronto just before coming to Washington, D.C., had asked him the same question about Z. KRUMS.

Though Agent told C.O. that he has not read newspapers during his trip in USA - asked C.O. to tell him in short what is new in the world and especially in Latvia - it came out that he is informed about the Soviet accusations in regard with to the Swedes and their espionage activities in the Baltic States. Agent remarked that only the Estonians, not Swedish officials are involved in this case and accused by the Soviets - he was rather surprised when C.O. told him that the Soviets had mentioned also the name of a Swedish officer in this connection. Agent showed no special interest in this case, nor did he ask how this case might influence WALDEMAR and the latter's acquaintances.

When instructing Agent how to report about the correspondence of WALDEMAR's brother i.l., C.O. remarked that this is a very complicated case and that lately, there are some suspicions as to the reliability of Dr. H. BERGMANS but not of WALDEMAR. Therefore Agent should be very careful and should report all about it.

* One R. LESINS is mentioned in Cipa, 17 Apr. '56, as the chief agronomist at the MTS Vidzini; Cipa, 8 May '56, states that L lacks political and professional qualifications.